



The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club

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President's QRM

Sunday, December 14th, is the date for the annual Club Holiday Party at Knollwood Country Club. Tickets will be available from Jack, KO6V, at the meeting. Tickets are \$35 each with a choice of Chicken, Tri Tip, Salmon, or Vegetarian main dish. Jack will also have raffle tickets. The prizes to be given away will include a 9 band sw receiver kit, arrow 146/437 mhz beam with split boom, coax cable stripper and coax connector crimper, Goal Zero 24001 Light-A-Life LED Lamp, and a gift certificate from HRO.

Next **SFVARC Club Meeting**

Friday, October 17
at 7:30pm
Northridge Hospital
Penthouse
18300 Roscoe Blvd,
Northridge, CA 91325

The annual Club Electronic Treasures Auction will be the night of November 21st. Bill Stein, KC6T, will be our auctioneer. This will probably be Bill's last auction as he has decided to retire. If you have never been to an auction run by Bill it is a rare treat to watch him in action. Dust off all of your junk and bring it to the meeting on the 21st. Also, Club elections will be held at the meeting.

Thanks' to Bill Holliday WB6EDE, for the program he presented at the last meeting. I was not able to attend but from all the reports I got it was an excellent program.

This month's program will be presented by Richard Donner, WA6KYR . The subject will be about operating portable from mountain tops. See more about the program and Richard in this newsletter.

73,
Don, WG6H

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Amateur Radio Club
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The San Fernando Valley Amateur Radio Club, Inc (SFVARC) is an organization interested in Amateur Radio as a hobby. The SFVARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League and the Los Angeles Council of Amateur Radio Clubs, Inc. Members of the Club conduct licensing classes on a continuing basis. Anyone interested in Amateur Radio is invited to attend our monthly meetings.

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POSTINGS AND NOTICES

Monthly Meetings: Third Friday of the month, 7:30 p.m. at Northridge Hospital (18300 Roscoe Blvd, Northridge). Most Club activities take place at the Fifth Floor Penthouse, but we may be assigned other rooms from time to time. Signs will be posted at the Penthouse elevator if there is such a change.

Board Meetings: The 4th Thursday of the month, 7:30 p.m., Northridge Hospital, Garden Room. These are open meetings and all members are welcome to attend!

World Wide Web Site: <http://www.w6sd.net>

Club Nets:

- 2 meter simplex: Tuesdays, 8 p.m. on 145.570 MHz.

Net Control: The Net Control Operators are Jim Sullivan WB6TNF, Phil Reiber KJ6ZI, John Campeau AD6KT, and Johnnie Spotts W6HTY.

Net Control: Varies

- 10 meter: Wednesdays, 8 p.m. on 28.310 MHz +/- QRM in the Upper Side Band Mode

- 2 meter repeater: Thursdays, 8 p.m., on the Magic Mountain Repeater (147.735 MHz - PL100) or Duck Mountain (147.24 MHz +PL67.0) if Magic is unavailable.

Net Control: The Net Control Operators are Phil Reiber, KJ6ZI, and Ted Mattock, KE6EIT.

6th District DX QSL Bureau: The 6th District DX QSL Bureau is now in Fairfax, CA. The Bureau prefers that you purchase envelopes from them (\$.64 each, including postage) Contact the Bureau at PO Box 970, Fairfax, CA 94978-0970 or visit their web page at <http://www.qslbureau.org/>

You can now follow them on Twitter.com! You will find us at @ARRL_6_Bureau .

Ham Exams: Held at the Northridge Hospital, on the first Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and December. **Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and doors close at 9:00 a.m. Testing begins after registration is complete.** You do not have to be a Club member to take an examination. There is a \$5.00 examination fee. Also, if you are upgrading your license, please bring your original license, a copy of your license, and originals and copies of any "Certificates of Completion". For more information, call Jim Sullivan (WB6TNF) 818-348-4155. In all other months, exams are conducted by the Santa Clarita Amateur Radio Club; contact Ron Klein, K6VPV at 661-259-0948

Newsletter Contributions: Please contact Bernard Falkin, KG6FBM [kg6fbm at bflocks dot com](mailto:kg6fbm@bflocks.com) if you have anything for the newsletter.

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Want to order a club badge?
<http://thesignman.com/clubs/sfvarc.html>

The SFVARC badge comes standard with a safety pin fastener and may also be ordered with other fasteners.
<http://thesignman.com/badges/fastener.html>

WAS & VUCC Award Card Checking

Please bring your QSL cards and completed applicable forms to the next meeting. Awards Manager Arnie, WB6PJC, will be available to check your cards.

Simplex Net Reminder

Two meter
 simplex:
 Tuesdays, 8 p.m.
 on
145.570 MHz,
Jim, WB6TNF

New to the hobby and stuck?
 Maybe it has been a few too many years since you were active and need to talk to someone for simple advice on:

- HF
- VHF/UHF
- rigs
- Discussion on different modes
- An antenna
- Contesting
- Dxing
- Rag-chewing.
- public service activity

Ask an Elmer at our next meeting.

Northridge VE Schedule for 2014/ 2015

The test session registration is from 8:00 am until 9:00 am. Anyone arriving after 9:00 will be turned away. Time limit to take a test is 90 minutes. Exams will be held in the fifth floor Penthouse of the north building (Carol Pump building) of the Northridge Hospital. Signs will be posted if the room is changed.

10/4/14, 12/6/14, 2/7/15, 4/4/15 and 6/6/15.

Richard Donner October Guest Speaker

The October program will cover SOTA (Summits On The Air)

It will include a short movie and slides show illustrating Mountain top Activators and the Chasers sitting at home in the shack. There is something everyone can do and enjoy even if you do not hike.

Brief Bio:

I have been a ham since 1960 and have tried many different forms of communication: SSTV, Satellite, CW HF, VHF, SSB HF & VHF, RTTY, PSK, Packet and FM & AM repeaters and now SOTA.

I have DXCC and WAS, and I am working on Mountain Goat and Shack Sloths awards from SOTA. Since I retired 4 years ago I have been trying different type of antennas. Mainly loop and wire.

Richard Donner

In June, 2014 with Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) as the sponsor and Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2) as co-sponsor, HR 4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" - was introduced into the 113th Congress. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants.

To expedite delivery of your letter once you have printed it out and signed it, you should mail your letter to:

ARRL

Attn: HR 4969 letter campaign
225 Main St
Newington, CT 06111

We are frequently asked why the ARRL asks that letters be mailed to ARRL for delivery instead of simply mailing them directly to the Congressional offices. The answer is two-fold. First, since the 9/11 attacks and subsequent security threats, all incoming mail to Congressional offices is first diverted to a holding area outside of Washington DC. Once at that facility it undergoes a series of scans to test for a variety of problems. Only after it passes the security tests is it forwarded on to Capitol Hill for delivery. The delay in delivery is generally in the 5-7 week range. By mailing the letters to the ARRL, we are able to have the letters hand-delivered to the various congressional offices in a timely manner.

The second reason is just as important. When our

Washington team delivers letters to a Congressional office, it provides them an opportunity for at least a brief face-to-face meeting with some of the key staff members in each Congressional office they visit. Each in-person meeting is another opportunity for the ARRL's story to be told – and is another chance to answer questions that may arise.

Most Congressional offices do provide some type of on-line email or web-based form for submitting comments. These too have their place in helping ensure our message is conveyed personally. Just remember when contacting your Congressperson to be Professional, Authentic, and Personal!

<http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>

Annual Electronic Treasure Auction

Hey, treasure buffs! Before you know it, our November meeting will be here – and along with it will be the election of our club officers for 2015 – and (of course) our annual electronic treasures auction. For those of you new to this fall madness, here is the general idea: First, you clean out those wonderful ham treasures that have been gathering dust in your ham shack over the months or years, dust them off, and bring them to our November meeting (November 15th, 2014). You will “check them in” with one of our club volunteers, by giving him an auction form that you have already completed, and the fabulous junkie you brought to the meeting - - which on that night will be (mostly) the club electronic treasures auction. Your auctioneer (me) will auction them off, for not less than your minimum asking price, and in return, you will pay the club treasury 10% (or more if you wish) of the winning bid price. Of course, you will also find ham related junkie that you MUST have, and exercise your right to offer the winning bid price for those items. No stuff to bring to the auction? - - Come and acquire some for you to enjoy, and possibly offer for sale next year at the auction!

This is a fun event - - bargain prices always, with a little bit of gain for the club treasury – which helps pay for some of the club member activity events. The amount of fun depends entirely on the attendance and participation – so PLEASE plan to come and enjoy the events. The Carrier will have auction forms in subsequent editions. Also, remember that the fun is proportional to the quantity of junkie up for auction, so please bring yours and encourage others to participate as well.

I have had the honor of being your auctioneer for the past many years – and along with all of you, have always enjoyed the good spirited fun. This will be my last stint as your auctioneer (we have an auction star lined up for next year’s event), so how about helping to make this year’s auction a memorable one for all of us? More news in upcoming editions of The Carrier.

73 – Bill, KC6T

Thank you to Bill Holliday, WB6EDE, for his fantastic presentation during the September meeting.



<http://w6sd.net/member>

Application For SFVARC Membership/Renewal

Date _____

Name _____ Call _____

License Class _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____

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ARRL member? _____

New member ? _____ Renewal ? _____

Exclude your info from printed club membership roster? Yes _____ No _____



Dues information:

Full year \$18 or if under age 18 - \$6

Family membership: each additional family member is charged the under 18 age rate

Please make checks payable to SFVARC

If mailing, address to: SanFernandoValleyARC, P.O. Box 280517, Northridge, Ca. 91328-0517

Thank you for your interest and participation in the SFVARC



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